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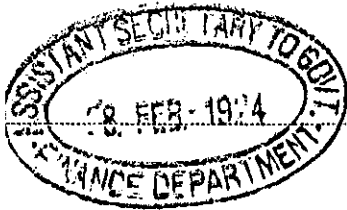
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Port of Mangalore - Establishment - Police

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ENCLOSURES.
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No. 2102/510 G.L. Madras, dated 27th February 1924.

From (Name) Captain E.W. Huddleston, CIE, CBE, RIM,

Presidency Port Officer, Madras,

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

Finance (Marine) Department.

Sir,

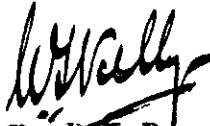
Mangalore Harbour Police - Contribution from the
Landing and Shipping Fund.

I have the honour to forward herewith a copy of the resolutions of the Mangalore Landing and Shipping Fees Committee, No.2, dated 1st February 1924, and No.6, dated 13th February 1924, together with the copy of correspondence read therein, from which it will be observed that the Committee consider it necessary to maintain the present strength of the Police establishment viz. 1 Head Constable and 4 Constables, and are prepared to pay for it during the working season of the Port i.e. for 8 months in the year. The cost of this establishment is, as stated by the Superintendent of Police, South Kanara, Rs.131/- per mensem.

2. I agree to the proposal and recommend that Government may be pleased to accord sanction thereto.

3. Necessary provision will be made on the above account in the draft budget estimate of the Mangalore Landing and Shipping Fund for the next official year.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,


Commander ~~R.N.R.~~ (Retd)
for Presidency Port Officer.

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Resolution No.2 of the special meeting of the Landing and Shipping Fees Committee, Mangalore, dated 1-2-1924.

2. Read letter No.C.141/Genl/24, dated 29-1-24, from the Superintendent of Police, South Kanara District, to the Port Officer, Mangalore, regarding the maintenance of the Harbour Police.

"Resolved to further discuss this question at the ordinary monthly meeting".

Resolution No.6 of the general meeting of the Landing and Shipping Fees Committee, Mangalore, dated 13-2-24, the Superintendent of Police, South Kanara being also present.

6. Read Minutes No.2 of the special meeting held on 1-2-24 regarding maintenance of the Harbour Police.

"The Committee considers it necessary to maintain the present Police force and is prepared to pay for it during the working season of the Port".

Enclosure.

Letter Cur.No.141/Genl/24, Mangalore 29th Jan'y. 1924 from R.J.P. Dawson, Esq., Superintendent of Police, South Kanara District, to the Port Officer, Mangalore.

Ref.- Harbour Police - Mangalore Port.

With reference to our conversation, I have the honour to address you on the subject of harbour police for Mangalore. You will note that the supply of the present force of 1 Head Constable and 4 men is entirely unauthorised. I would not, however, have interfered had it not been that the strength of the district is to be considerably reduced and I shall not be able to furnish the men unless special provision is made in the new District strength. The cost of maintaining a force of 1 Head Constable and 4 Constables will come to Rs.131/- per mensem. The port being closed for 4 months of the year and there being plenty of work for these men in Mangalore town, I do not think Government will expect the Landing and Shipping Dues Committee to pay for these men during that period. The sum quoted above is exclusive of the cost of a

a boat. I would suggest that the question be laid before the Landing and Shipping Dues Committee as early as possible. The questions to be decided are (1) is it necessary or advisable to continue the Harbour Police (2) is the Committee prepared to pay the contribution mentioned above? The question of establishing regular Harbour Police appears to have been raised for the first time in 1906 and 1907. The then District Superintendent of Police suggested that we should employ 1 Head Constable, 14 constables and 12 boat lascars with 3 rowing boats. The Inspector General of Police, Madras, passed the following order on the report:-

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"Before the Police are asked to protect shippers' property, it must be made clear that the shippers themselves do all that they ought to do for its protection. This seems very doubtful. It should also be ascertained how far the merchants are prepared to contribute towards the maintenance of the proposed Harbour Police which is required solely to protect their property, not against piracy, but against misappropriation, which they might very possibly themselves prevent." On this being communicated to the then Port Officer, my predecessor, was informed that the merchants would not pay at all and the matter was thereupon dropped. The next move in the matter was in 1911-12-13 when after a correspondence which continued intermittently for 2 years, Mr. Subba Rao the then District Superintendent of Police, South Kanara detailed 2 constables for prevention of theft in the Harbour. The staff supplied has risen to 1 Head Constable and 4 men. I cannot find any authority for this. The fact being that Mangalore has been receiving the services of this staff for some years without being required to contribute to their cost. The original strength suggested by Mr. Subba Rao was 1 Head Constable and 10 men who would patrol day and night. This strength, I consider, is unduly large and costly, considering the nature of the work. For example, water patrol is unnecessary unless cargo is actually being worked or boats are lying off at night with cargo on board.

I do not wish to suggest anything expensive, or elaborate from

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what I can ascertain the amount of pilferage at present is very small. I doubt if any increase of the Police staff would reduce it much further and I do not suggest it. I must make it perfectly clear that I am in the position of a spectator in this matter. It is entirely in the hands of the Landing and Shipping Dues Committee to retain the Police or do without them. I do not wish to impose my views on the Committee, but I would remark that if the Police prevent pilferage amounting to even a moiety of the cost of their maintenance, they would seem to me to be worth retaining. The fact that pilferage is small is all to the good of the Port's reputation. The question to be considered is whether pilferage will increase if the Police are withdrawn and if so, by how much. In the event of the Landing and Shipping Dues Committee deciding to pay the necessary contribution, I propose to recommend that the Harbour Police post be located in or near the Port Office and that Harbour Police should work in much closer contact with the Port Officer than is ^{at} present the case. I agree with your view that regular co-ordination is most desirable and I agree that you should be kept informed of what is going on in your port. I have no doubt that a regular procedure can be arranged in order to effect the above purpose and that the efficiency and value of the Harbour Police can be greatly increased. The Harbour Police would have to remain entirely under the control of the Police Departmental officials, but that would not prevent the Head Constable keeping you informed of what is going on, nor me from consulting you in the matter of arrangement of duties. At present the Harbour Police is nobody's child; were it formally adopted by a kind parent, I feel sure that it would be far more efficient. Should the Landing and Shipping Dues Committee wish to discuss the matter with me in person, I shall be quite ready to meet them. If the matter is to come up at the next meeting, I can arrange to be in Mangalore, so that a message will bring me at once, provided I receive warning as to the date and hour. Any date will suit me except 11th Feby. 1924. If possible, I should prefer a date before that, as I shall have to go to camp as soon as practicable after 11-2-1924.

No.14/134-P.

Copy forwarded to the presidency Port Officer, Madras, for
favour of necessary action. The paper was discussed at a general
meeting of the Committee ~~xxxx~~ and a copy of ^{their} ~~letter~~ resolution is
enclosed herewith.

H.R. HEYCOCK,
Port Officer.

Mangalore, 14-2-1924.)

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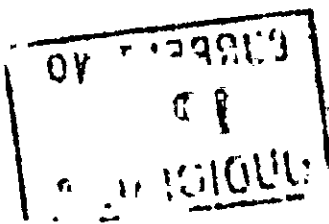
Mangalore - Establishment - Police for patrol duty - Contribution from the L + S Fund.

[@ 297:G/24] From the Presidency Port Officer,

No 2102/510 GL 8/27.2.24

The patrol of the Mangalore harbour is ~~now~~ being carried on since 1913 by a police establishment (at first 2 constables and afterwards 1 Head constable + 4 constables) to which the L + S. Fund are not contributing anything, but the two boatmen for the boat employed (H) for patrol duty are paid from the L + S Fund.

2. The D.S.P., S. Kanara has now written to the Port Officer, Mangalore, that as the police strength of the District is proposed to be reduced he cannot afford to spare the establishment for port patrol duty but that if the L + S Fees Committee would contribute towards the pay of the establishment for the working season of the port it could be retained.



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3. The L + S Fees Committee considers it necessary to maintain the present police force and is willing to pay for it during the working season of the port i.e. 8 months

The P.P.O. recommends the acceptance of the proposal and states that the necessary provision will be made in the next year's budget.

4. The proposal may be sanctioned.

A draft order is submitted. The working season appears to be from ^{present} October to June.

The ^{present} sanction for the patrol boat establishment expires on June 15, 1924. The (H) G O 5058, 28.10.23 police establishment also may be sanctioned up to that date from 1-3-24. The draft order may be sent to Jndd (Police) ^{and Finance} for acceptance.

CA 63.24 In the case of the port of Cocanda also, the cost of the ^{port} patrol police is met by the Harbour Authorities.

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We must sanction ~~hurry~~ ^{hurry} working season each year

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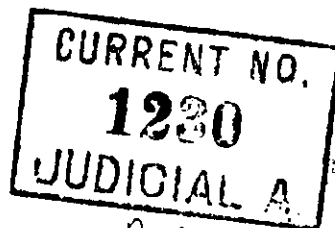
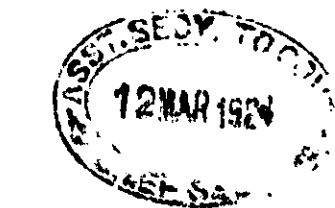
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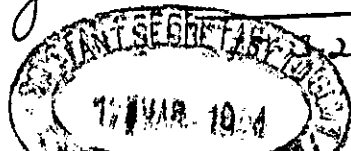


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